

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

January 7, 2014 to January 28, 2014

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal permitting activity to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Virginia Beach has submitted a Joint Permit Application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for the issuance of an individual permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act to dredge Bayville Creek in the City. At the request of Bayville Creek waterfront homeowners, Virginia Beach has created a Special Service District to carry out a neighborhood dredging project in Bayville Creek, a tributary of the Western Branch of the Lynnhaven River. The dredging will allow residents to recapture access to navigable channels in the Lynnhaven River and to attenuate siltation of the river. The City of Virginia Beach would mechanically dredge navigation channels and homeowner driveway channels in Bayville Creek and construct a dredge transfer station pier and one homeowner pier (1633 Spring House Trail). The proposed dredging project will take place primarily in open water and will not encroach on any vegetated wetlands. Minimal impacts to non-vegetated tidal wetlands are proposed. Virginia Beach has submitted a FCC that finds the proposed project consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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